

Remarks

Applicant submits the following claim amendments prior to examination on the merits for consideration by the Examiner. Particularly, the amendments cancel the existing claims 1-12, and add new claims 13-25. New claims 13-25 are substantially similar to (now cancelled) claims 1-12, but have been written to ensure that the claims comport with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments prior to examination on the merits, and issue a notice of allowance for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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